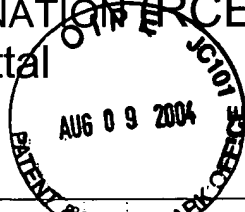


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/707,270
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
 - ii. ☒ Other: **Amendment B, filed March 27, 2003**
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iv. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a

- a. ☐ period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 16-0877.
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 - ii. ☐ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other: 08/10/2004 AWONDAF1 00000048 09707270
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$2,100 enclosed. 02 FC:1801 770.00 DP
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

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